THE COOPER TESTIMONIAL.

OUR readers will be glad to see, from a circular which we publish elsewhere, that a movement is on foot to raise a testimonial to Dr. Robert T. Cooper. Mr. J. Munford, of Kensington College, Queen's Road, Bayswater, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the fund, will be glad to give all information to inquirers.

A meeting has been held, at which a list of subscriptions was read, showing a total amount received of £52 9s. 6d., but other promises had been made, and it was hoped that a somewhat larger amount would eventually be reached. It was suggested and unanimously approved that each subscriber should be invited to send a photograph for the Album which Mr. Masters has kindly consented to embellish with sketches of a few Irish views loved by Dr. Cooper, and that the Album when completed should be presented to the family.

It was decided to hold the next committee meeting at Kensington College, at 3 p.m., on Monday, October 17th

next, when a selection should be made of one of the two following proposals :—

(*a*) To erect a suitable memorial over the grave.

(*b*) To discuss some scheme to commemorate the late Dr. Cooper's love of forestry, such as the planting of an avenue of trees in some suitable locality.

Mr. Munford was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Batemen was appointed hon. auditor.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE ROBERT T. COOPER, M.A., M.D.

To the Editor of THE HOMEOPATHIC WORLD.

DEAR SIR,—I feel sure that you will be glad to know that there is a movement amongst the patients and friends of the late Dr. Robert Cooper to commemorate in some way his remarkable personality.

Many of us are indebted to him for life and health vouchsafed to us through his skill and care. His memory is endeared to all who knew him by his noble and unselfish life, and I gather that we all feel it would be a relief to us in our grief to join in some concerted movement to commemorate his life and work.

Donations may be paid to the credit of the " Dr. Robert Cooper Memorial Fund," at the Queen's Road Branch of the London and South Western Bank, or they may be forwarded to me at the address below, in which latter case they will be duly acknowledged per return of post.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

J. MUNFORD, Director,

(*Hon. Sec . and Treasurer pro tem.*)

Kensington College, Queen's Road, Bayswater, London, W., July 26, 1904.

Dr. Cooper Memorial.

The following are the Minutes of a meeting held at Kensington College on Monday, October 17, 1904, from which it will be seen that a highly appropriate form of memorial has been selected by the Committee :—

" Present : Mrs. Bateman (Hon. Auditor), Mr. Bensusan, Rev. N. J. Devereux, Miss S. Flood, Miss A. Moorehead, Mr. J. Munford (Hon. Sec. and Treas.).

" The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Cooper, communicating the wishes of the family as to the shape they would prefer the Memorial should take. The Secretary also read all the correspondence that had been received since the last meeting, including letters from Mr. Masters, Dr. Pullar and Dr. Clarke ; the list of subscriptions, amounting to about £70, was read. After a full and careful consideration of all the correspondence and the various schemes suggested, the following resolution, proposed by the Rev. N. J. Devereux, and seconded by Mr. Bensusan, was carried unanimously, viz :—

" ' That, taking into consideration the late Dr. Cooper's devotion to forestry in the highest interests of humanity, it would be most in accordance with the tenor of his life's work to plant an avenue of trees in one of the parks under the control of the London County Council, and that the approach to the avenue should, if possible, be marked by a memorial stone or tablet recording the Doctor's work and the fact of its having been erected by his friends and grateful patients.'

" The Honorary Auditor, Mrs. Bateman, examined the counterfoils of the paying-in slips, showing that the amount received had been duly paid into the London and South Western Bank, Queen's Road Branch, to the account of the Fund."

We sincerely trust that the public authorities may co-operate heartily with the committee in their laudable enterprise.

THE COOPER MEMORIAL.

WE are delighted to learn that the City of Westminster Council have decided to administer the funds collected by the Cooper Memorial Committee in planting trees in memory of the late Dr. Cooper. Mr. T. Munford writes :—

"DR. COOPER MEMORIAL FUND.

"As one of the Sub-Committee charged with carrying out the wishes of the above Committee, I have to advise that I have at last received a definite answer from the Westminster City Council to the following effect :—

"'The City Council have considered your offer of £100 worth of trees, and the Council will undertake to plant them in proper positions, provide them with guards and grids, and affix tablets to them showing that they were presented by the Dr. Cooper Memorial Fund to commemorate the philanthropic labours of the late Dr. Cooper in the cause of Forestry.

"'In reply, I am directed to thank you for your offer, and to state that the Council are willing to accept the sum of £100 in aid of any provision which may be made by them for trees for planting in the streets of the city during the ensuing year, and to affix the proposed Memorial Tablets to, say, twenty trees.'"

We hope there will be some public function in connection with the planting ; and it would be well if a brief record of Dr. Cooper's work on behalf of forestry could be prepared for popular distribution. Also it would be very fitting if his most important addresses (or a good summary of them) could be published at the same time. There is a growing interest being taken in forestry at the present time, and the practical value of Dr. Cooper's observations should not be lost. Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., suggested that tree-planting should be one of the occupations for the unemployed. This is good, but it is necessary to know which places are the best to plant—both for the trees and for surrounding lands. Dr. Cooper thought all that out, and it should be brought to the notice of the proper authorities.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Honour to the Memory of Dr. R. T. Cooper.

It is well to cherish the memory of our great men, and it is especially a duty for homœpathists, whose great ones lack the wider recognition that will come when Homœopathy is fully accepted. Therefore, all honour and praise to Mr. J. Munford, by whose zeal and energy a most suitable tribute to the memory of Dr. R. T. Cooper is to be established. Eight hundred trees are to be planted within the borough of Paddington, of which one in every five will bear a memorial tablet. On June 2nd there will be a formal commemorative ceremony, when the Mayoress of Paddington will affix the first tablet. Every reader of the World will rejoice at his practical method of preserving the memory of our distinguished colleague.

NEWS AND NOTES.

MEMORIAL OF THE LATE DR. R. T. COOPER.

ON Thursday, June 8, 1909, there took place at the Great Western Hotel, Paddington, the inauguration of the above memorial. The right Hon. Lord Castletown presided at the luncheon party given on this interesting occasion, when there was a large gathering of friends and subscribers. Among the principal guests were Mrs. Cooper and the members of the family, including Dr. Le Hunte Cooper and Mr. C. H. Cooper (brother of the late Dr. Cooper), the Mayoress of Paddington, Lady Castletown, Lady Le Hunte, Sir William Vincent (representing the Earl of Meath, Metropolitan Public Gardens Association), Mr. Alderman Lidiard, Professor W. R. Fisher (Royal Irish Arboricultural Society), and Mr. Charles Hopton (chairman English Timber Federation). The Mayor of Paddington was at the last moment prevented from attending, and letters expressing regret for similar inability were read from the Marquis of Lansdowne, Earl Carrington, the Lord Mayor of London, and many other distinguished persons. Mr. James Munford, the chairman of the Memorial Committee, to whose efforts the success of the movement has been largely due, gave an interesting account of the work of our late eminent colleague in his advocacy of afforestation, adding that it was thought there could be no more appropriate memorial than the planting of trees in the borough of Paddington. After speeches by Lord Castletown, Sir W. Vincent, Professor Fisher, Dr. Le Hunte Cooper, Mr. Alderman Lidiard, the Rev. N. I. Devereux, and Dr. Pullar, the luncheon guests were conducted in open carriages to the Marble Arch, where the Mayoress of Paddington affixed to the protective ironwork of one of the trees the first tablet bearing the inscription, " To commemorate the humanitarian efforts in the cause of forestry of the late Robert T. Cooper, M.A., M.D., these trees were planted in January, 1909." It will indeed be gratifying for all who are interested in the work of our late colleague to know that his memory will thus literally be kept green. There could not surely be a more fitting emblem than the tree of the life-work of one whose energies were enthusiastically devoted not only to the advocacy of wider and

more practical recognition of the beneficent uses of forests in nature, but also to attaining deeper knowledge of the growth forces which are capable of being utilised for the healing of the nations.